

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The claims have been amended to recite providing a list of one or more VOD clip metadata search attributes, receiving user input specifying such VOD clip metadata search attributes for selected VOD clip categories; and automatically creating a composite VOD clip, components of which are filtered according to the specified VOD clip metadata search attributes. These amendments are supported by the specification as filed, for example at: Fig. 4-6 and ¶¶ 20, 31-35. No new matter is being added.

The rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4-11 is moot in view of the amendments to claim 1, which now recites processes performed by and through particular instrumentalities.

The present claims are patentable over the combination of Begeja et al. (U.S. PGPUB 2003/0030752) and Holtz et al. (U.S. Patent 6,760,916), because neither of the references teaches or suggests features such as those highlighted above. The Office Action notes that Begeja does not discuss the assembly of individually selected VOD clips into a composite clip. While Holtz does describes a system that permits user customization of a presentation based on selected categories of content and various parameters thereof, none of these categories and parameters of categories are metadata search attributes of VOD clips, as presently claimed. Hence, even if the teachings of the references were combined in the manner suggested in the Office Action, one would still not arrive at the methods and systems being claimed.

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